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*AN ACT empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll county, and the County Commissioners of Howard county, to levy a sufficient sum of money to build a Bridge over the Patapsco Falls at or near Woodbine.*

Passed May 27, 1852.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, the county commissioners of Carroll county, and the county commissioners of Howard county, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, if they deem it expedient, to levy on the assessable property of their respective counties, a sufficient sum of money, to build a substantial bridge over the Patapsco falls, at or near Woodbine.

Authority to levy

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of Carroll county, and the county commissioners of Howard county, to adopt a plan according to which said bridge shall be constructed, and of such materials as they may think best, of which due notice shall be given in one or more newspapers in each county, for the space of two weeks, for the purpose of receiving proposals for the building of the same according to said plan.

Plan of bridge.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the county commissioners of Carroll county, and the county commissioners of Howard county, be, and they are hereby authorised, after the notice aforesaid, to contract with any person or persons to build said bridge, and to take bond or bonds, with sufficient security, from any person or persons contracting as aforesaid, for the faithful performance of their contract.

Contract to build bridge.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county aforesaid, to accept the proposal of the lowest bidder or bidders; *Provided,* he or they shall give sufficient security for the faithful performance of his or their contract for the same.

Duty to accept lowest bid.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That when said bridge shall have been completed, it shall be a free bridge for all persons to pass and repass.

Free bridge.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the expense of building said bridge shall be equally divided between the two counties.

Expenses to be equally divided.